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On the high seas



WATCHING OVER:

Helen Kerr, captain of tops, similar to a watch-keeper who keeps charge of the group, sits aboard the deck of Endeavour.

The ship docked in Morro Bay Harbor Friday and it will remain there all week.

Dawn Kalmar/
Mustang Daily

Newhouse memorial fund benefits safety

By Jessica Hagans
Mustang Daily

Money donated in memory of Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse is going to a fund that will be used to promote safety on the Cal Poly campus.

The money has come from a number of sources in lieu of flowers, said Polly Harrigan, special assistant to the vice president of student affairs.

The fund stood at \$225 in an account with Cal Poly Foundation on Sunday.

Vice President of Student Affairs, Juan Gonzalez, said there were two options for the placement of the money. One was to set up an Associated Students Inc. account and the other was to set up an account at Foundation.

"I wouldn't permit the money to go off campus," Gonzalez said. "(I was) advised to put it through Foundation."

Gonzalez said the money will be used to establish a safety fund under the Remember Week committee. He also said that though the money is in an account at Foundation, Foundation keeps no part of the money.

In the next two to three weeks a group will decide what to do with the

money. The group includes students who were part of Remember Week, Panhellenic members, a representative from Public Safety and someone from Inter-Fraternity Council.

Gonzalez said students have become more aware of safety this year. Unfortunately, this awareness came after the disappearances and deaths of Newhouse and Cuesta College student Aundria Crawford, he said.

"(Students have) made a promise that they shall never forget Kristin (Smart), Aundria and Rachel," Gonzalez said. "That's what the Remember Me T-shirts were all about."

Gonzalez said part of the money raised from the T-shirts contributed to the Newhouse memorial fund.

Harrigan said the family wanted money donated to a memorial fund instead of flowers.

"The money will go directly to students for safety programs," Harrigan said. "It's a nice way to honor Rachel's memory."

Anyone interested in donating to the Rachel Newhouse memorial fund should call the office of the vice president for students affairs at 756-1521.

Bike commuters could win some new wheels

By Sara Henrikson
Mustang Daily

People who choose to ride a bike to school instead of driving this week have a chance to win a mountain bike and other prizes during Bike Week, an annual event promoting bike riding.

The San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare office is sponsoring the events for Bike Week, a statewide event that has been celebrated for more than 10 years in San Luis Obispo. Rideshare's mission is to promote alternative forms of transportation throughout the year, but especially during Rideshare Week in November and Bike Week.

"We see people on bikes all the time, but I think people take them for granted and don't realize what an important role they play in reducing traffic congestion, freeing up parking spaces and easing the stress associated with driving a car every day," said John Donovan, SLO Regional Rideshare manager.

During Bike Week, a "Pedal vs. Metal" contest will be held downtown to show how easy it is to run errands on a bike. City Councilman Dave Romero will drive his car in a timed race against KVEC radio talk show host Bill Benic, who will ride a bike equipped with a trailer. Each will have a list of things to drop off and pick up, and the fastest finisher is the winner.

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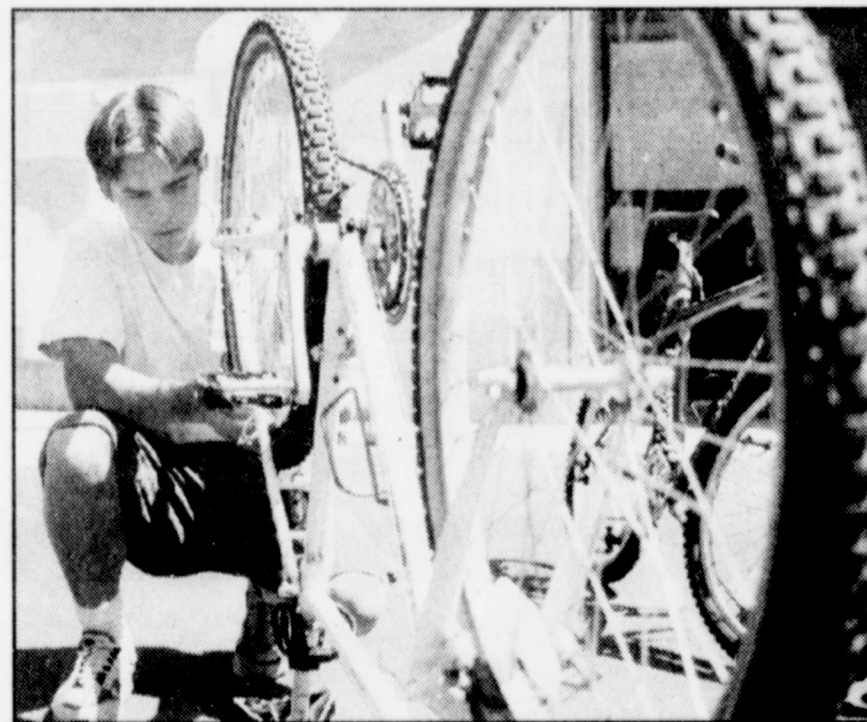
— John Donovan

SLO Regional Rideshare manager

On Friday at noon, Rideshare plans to sponsor a rally at Mission Plaza. The first 100 bike riders receive a free hot dog and soda, and then participate in a pep rally and loop ride around downtown.

Nine area bike shops are offering a 25-percent discount on tune-ups during Bike Week with a coupon from advertisements in the New Times, The Tribune or the Rideshare office. Participating shops include Foothill Cyclery in San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay Cyclery, Ira's in Arroyo Grande, Grand Cyclery and Switchbox in Grover Beach, K-Man Cyclery in

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Jon King/Mustang Daily

WHEELIE: Students got to repair their bikes in the University Union last Thursday, just in time for Bike Week, May 17 through 21. Find out how long it takes to tool around town on a bike versus a car. You might be surprised. See Page 3.

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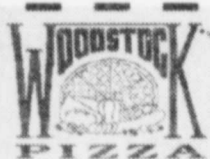


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Johnnie Cochran to file suit over Riverside shooting

LOS ANGELES (AP) —
Celebrity attorney Johnnie L.
Cochran Jr. will file a wrongful death
lawsuit and civil rights action on
behalf of the family of Tyisha Miller,
the woman shot to death by Riverside
police late last year, Cochran's office
said Monday.

Cochran and two associates called
a press conference for Tuesday to
announce the lawsuit against the city
of Riverside and the police officers
involved in the shooting.

"The circumstances of the death of
Tyisha Miller demonstrates a clear
case of the violation of Tyisha Miller's
constitutional right not to be subject-
ed to excessive force," said a press
release from Cochran and attorneys
Eric Ferrer and Andy Roth.

"The lawyers for the Miller family
plan to be relentless in their pursuit of
justice," the release said.

Word of the legal action came as
about 200 protesters demonstrated for
the second time outside Riverside
government offices. Police cited 14
for misdemeanor trespassing and
released them. A protest one week

earlier drew 1,000 people.

"We march because we believe to
march is to do the right thing," said
Jesse Wilson, of the Miller Steering
Committee. "And we're also smart
enough to know that if it is Tyisha
today, it will be my mother tomor-
row."

The Riverside County district
attorney recently decided not to pros-
ecute the officers who shot Miller, 19,
deciding that while they made tacti-
cal mistakes, the use of force was jus-
tified in the situation.

Miller had been observed appar-
ently passed out in a car with the
doors and windows locked, a gun vis-
ible in her lap. According to police,
officers broke a window and tried to
take the gun, but shot Miller 12 times
when she suddenly sat up and reached
for the gun.

The case drew allegations of racism
and has sparked large protest rallies.
Miller was black. Three of the officers
are white; one is Hispanic.

The FBI is investigating whether
Miller's civil rights were violated.

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COMMUTERS

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Atascadero, Sunstorm Cyclery in Atascadero and Paso Robles and Bike Masters in Paso Robles.

Those who register in the Rideshare database by May 28 are entered in a drawing to win a bike from Foothill Cyclery. Other bike shops are donating accessories to be raffled off at the bike rally. Register by calling the office at 541-2277, visiting the web site at www.rideshare.org, or at the bike rally.

Fliers are posted on campus to promote Bike Week and include a pledge form.

"If you sign up and pledge, you will bike to campus one day that week, and you are entered into a prize drawing," said Jacquie Paulsen, commuter services coordinator.

Prizes include a halogen bike light, water bottles, Frisbees and slinkys. Register to win by filling out a pledge form and dropping it off at Public Safety Services on campus or by faxing it to Paulsen.

Paulsen said she and the Cal Poly Wheelmen, a club sport team, did a study a few years ago comparing the time it takes to ride a bike to campus versus how long it takes to drive to campus. Their conclusion: The closer you live to campus, the longer it takes to drive.



Jon King/Mustang Daily

EN ROUTE: Cal Poly bicyclists have an opportunity to win prizes including a new mountain bike this week.

"Someone driving from Mustang Village would spend about 13 minutes driving to campus, versus about four minutes riding a bike," Paulsen said.

Donovan said it's simple to ride a bike instead of driving.

"Ride downtown to the post office or to the video store," he said. "Most SLO Transit and Central Coast Area Transit buses have bike racks on them, and they are easy to use. Ride to the bus stop, take the bus downtown and then lock your bike up while you run errands. It's easier than you think."

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According to a Public Safety Services/Wheelmen study, riding a bike to Cal Poly is often shorter than driving, the closer you live to campus.

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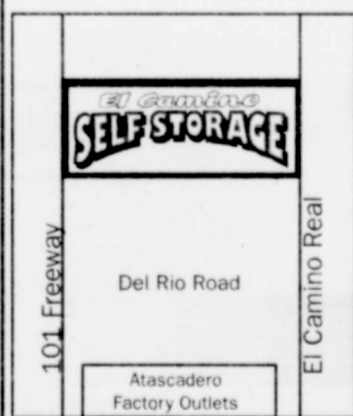
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A little help for finals' week woes

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Biology

Cells are small. Frankly, I don't believe in them and neither should you, but it might be on the test. Cells divide and get separate apartments. The male cell gets mad and vibrates, which is why there are bubbles in beer. Humans evolved from monkeys, which is cool. People exhale oxygen and inhale noxious fumes. There are plant cells, animal cells and prison cells. Prison cells contain organisms called convicts.



Brent Marcus

Astronomy

Pluto is Mickey Mouse's dog. Mickey Mouse is a talking rodent. Did you ever see the one where Pluto got lost in the city? I like the part when he

almost got caught by the dogcatcher. That crazy dog.

English

Grammatically correct sentences have nouns, verbs, dangling participles, a pejorative misnomer and benign cretin. Combining these correctly results in Shakespeare. Shakespeare wrote sonnets, which are like bonnets, but with more colorful ribbons. He also wrote many plays and home repair manuals, like "Taming of the Screw," and "Our Toilets, Ourselves." Other books have been written, like "Horton Hears a Who," and "Where's Waldo." Bonus tip: Waldo is near the lion cage! English can now be found in books, newspaper columns and England.

Economics

There are supply curves, demand curves, hairpin curves and skyrocketing interest rates. These concepts combine to cause riots and mass hysteria. Stock market prices are indicative of economics in that they are incomprehensible and have very little to do with reality. I suggest putting all of your cash underneath a mattress.

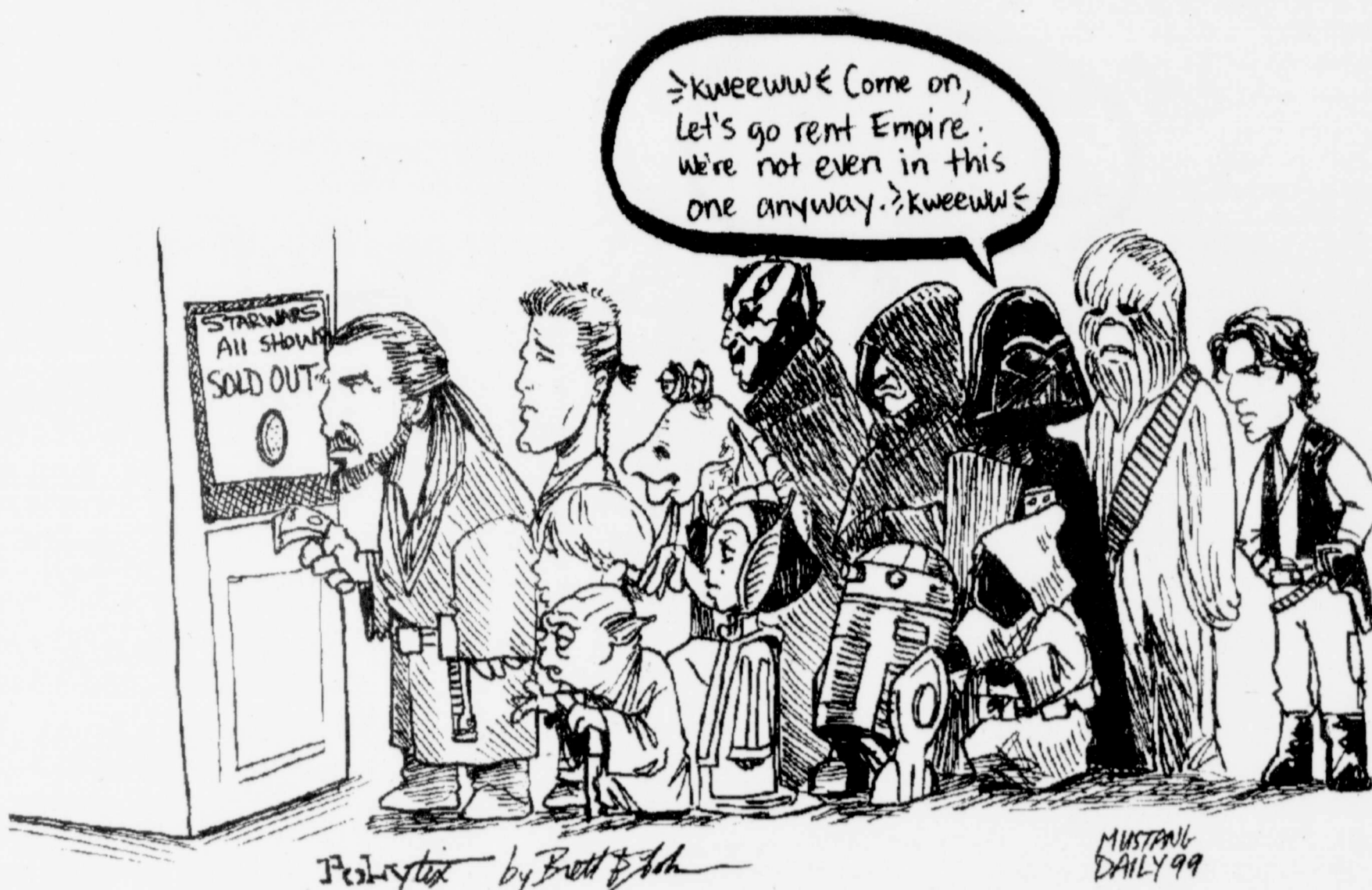
Math

Fractions have been found to cause cancer in lab rats and confusion in me; so, you should probably stay away from those. Two negatives equal a positive, which is total nonsense. Right angles are better than wrong angles, because all the splinters have been removed. The variable "x" always equals three. Math is important, because math teachers need jobs too.

History

History started when Keith Richards crawled from the sea and started civilization. Civilization is important because that's where we all live. History is divided into the Stone Age, Medieval Time, Post-Evil Time, Renaissance, Seventh Inning Stretch and Last Week. History started in America when Columbus discovered people that were already here. History started everywhere else on page 315 of your textbook.

Brent Marcus is a journalism senior.

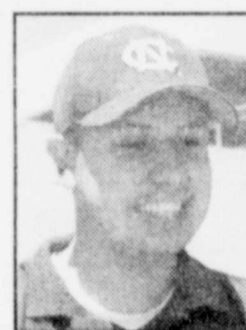


If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?



◀ "My girlfriend's father that just recently passed away, because he was a neat guy and I was only able to know him for a short while."

John Gibbs
industrial technology senior



◀ "Michael Jordan, because I would just really love to meet that guy."

Ali Sandoval
mechanical engineering sophomore

▶ "Will Clark. I've had a crush on him since the fifth grade."



Jaime Garcia
UCTE student

▶ "Natalie Imbruglia because she's pretty and a good singer."



Scott Schmalback
computer science freshman



◀ "Barbara Walters, because I plan on taking over her job in a couple years."

Nicole Messier
journalism sophomore



◀ "My friend Carla. I don't spend enough time with her and I think she's amazing."

Angelo Biagiag
business junior

▶ "My mom, because I lost her about five years ago and just think it would be really nice."



Jean Bailey
Sandwich Plant cashier

▶ "Martin Luther King, because I just think he was a fascinating person."



Ron Starbuck
electrical engineering senior

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Vague fliers spark interest Editor:

In response to Steve Geringer's article "Why won't they tell us what's going on," May 17, I ask: How blatant do you want the world to be? Do you enjoy crossword puzzles already filled out or scantrons with the answers previously marked for your journalism tests? Cal Poly is a national institute of learning where students, just as professors, expect the student community to use their \$50,000 investment of a brain.

In distributing the "348" message through fliers and the "P" our purpose was to spark an interest in students to find out what the numbers stand for. If you happen to criticize this marketing approach then I ask this question to all readers: Would you want to give the full address and street of your party among the anti-party, cop-frenzy community? I didn't think so.

If Geringer is so concerned with being "out of the loop," then I suggest he use his journalism major to investigate a bit before casting a

vote for "dusk" in the ASI election or getting flustered over the whole "348" occurrence. Obviously our tactics worked since at least 500 people showed up, 12 kegs were obliterated, and no citations were handed out. The eight tenants of this non-fraternity house did not wish to draw such ignorant attention, only that of the party-hungry students at Cal Poly.

Vince Machado is a business sophomore and a resident of 348 Hathway.

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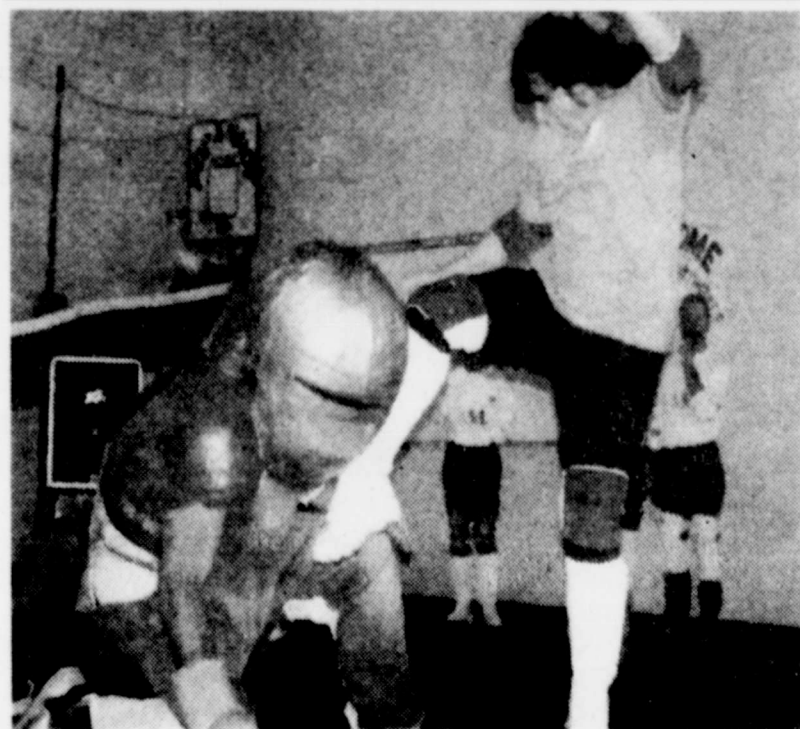
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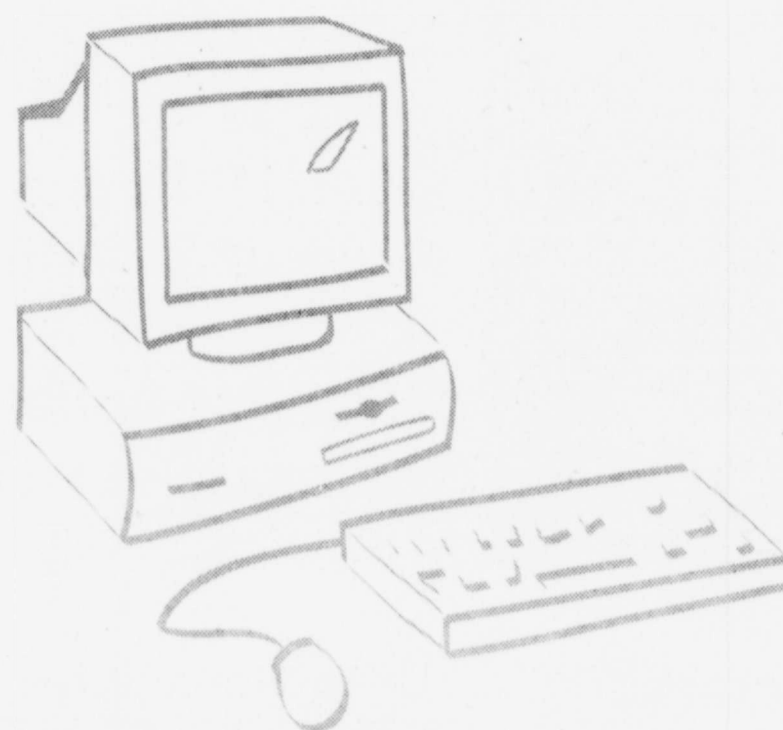
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Cardinals await vote for a new home

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals, the only franchise in the four major pro sports to play on a college campus, could soon have a home of their own.

The Cardinals have been homeless for 11 years, since the Bidwill family moved the franchise to Arizona from St. Louis.

If voters in Mesa and two smaller communities give the go-ahead Tuesday — and the latest poll shows the race a virtual dead heat — the Cardinals won't just have a home, they'll have a palace, the centerpiece of the \$1.8 billion Rio Salado Crossing. It's a project ambitious even by the "build anything, anywhere" standards of booming Arizona.

Now would seem the time for the Cardinals to win at the Ballot box. The team had its first winning record in 14 years and won a playoff game for only the second time. Their star is Arizona State hero Jake Plummer, who already has engineered some hair-raising comebacks.

Plummer appeared in a 30-second commercial spot for the project, one of the few mentions of the Cardinals in a campaign that has emphasized the supposed benefits of an undertaking that would include hotels, shops, restaurants, golf courses, a park and large convention center.

"If people like us, they're going to be more apt to get a stadium done," Plummer said. "If they don't like us, then we've got no chance of getting it."

Critics say the NFL team will be handed, virtually free, one of the most opulent stadiums.

"The proper role of government is not to subsidize professional sports," Mesa city councilman Ken Hawker said.

The Cardinals aren't the only Arizona pro sports team looking for a new home. In Scottsdale and Avondale, voters will cast ballots on a \$624 million renovation project that includes a 20,000-seat arena for the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes.

The Cardinals have pledged \$75 million for their stadium. The remainder of the \$507 million cost of the public share of the project — to pay for the stadium, convention center and adjacent parks — will come from Mesa taxpayers. The remaining \$1.3 billion is to come from private investment.

Mesa, a fast-growing city of 380,000, is being asked for a new quarter-cent sales tax and extension of another existing quarter-cent tax. The smaller cities of Gilbert and Queen Creek only must approve the project under Arizona law.

The NFL has promised a Super Bowl there in 2004 or 2005. The Fiesta Bowl also has indicated it would move there.

Although proponents, who have outspent opponents 70-to-1, say \$500 million in private investment is assured, critics doubt the entire private portion will be built. They also are skeptical of a provision requiring the contractor to cover cost overruns and say Mesa could be stuck for huge operating costs.

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Pacers defeat 76ers in second-round opener

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jalen Rose made his point to Philadelphia coach Larry Brown and Indiana made five free throws over the final 23 seconds Monday night in a 94-90 victory in the opening game of the best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinal.

Rose, who was tormented in a stormy season when Brown was coach of the Pacers, came off the bench to score a career playoff-high 27 points. It was one less than the career high he scored against his former coach's team last month.

The Pacers, who had lost the season series 2-1 to the 76ers, used balanced scoring to overcome the 35 points of league scoring champion

Allen Iverson.

Indiana's Reggie Miller had 18 points, including three free throws down the stretch when the 76ers were reducing a 13-point deficit to two. Mark Jackson scored 14 for the Pacers, including two free throws with 5.2 seconds left that sealed the victory.

Matt Geiger was the only other major offensive weapon for Philadelphia with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

It was the 11th consecutive home playoff victory for the Pacers.

The 76ers went more than three minutes without scoring as the Pacers went on a 7-0 run. Two free throws by

Travis Best, a layup by Rose and a 3-pointer by Sam Perkins gave Indiana its biggest lead, 81-68, with 8:16 to go.

Philadelphia rallied to cut the deficit to 91-88. A technical foul was then called against Tyrone Hill of the 76ers for reaching out of bounds and deflecting an inbound attempt.

Miller hit the technical free throw and after Eric Snow of the 76ers cut the deficit to 90-88, Jackson hit the final free throws.

The Pacers helped themselves by making 26 of 32 free throws, while Philadelphia was 15-of-23.

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Dave DeBusschere pitched for the Chicago White Sox one year and was the Detroit Pistons player-coach the next.

No one submitted the correct answer!

TODAY'S QUESTION

Which teams played in the longest game in NFL history?

Please submit answer to: sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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CHICAGO (AP) — They're talented, they're tested and they're on a mission.

Mia Hamm, Michelle Akers, Julie Foudy and Tiffeny Milbrett, all determined to win back the title they lost four years ago, lead the U.S. roster for the Women's World Cup.

The tournament begins June 19 at Giants Stadium, with the Americans playing Denmark, and concludes July 10 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

"They want to make a statement to the world," coach Tony DiCicco said Monday after announcing the 20-player roster. "The World Cup, in soccer, is the epitome. They want to be Olympic champions and World Cup champions at the same time."

"The challenge is huge. But we are capable of accomplishing it."

Baseball coach shuns seniors for something more dear — his job

Had it been a routine fly out, the decision could have been easier to deal with.

It wasn't.

UC Santa Barbara second baseman Chad Peshke delivered a two-out, three-run triple in the ninth inning, snatching a Senior Day victory from the Mustangs. The clutch hit was off reliever Mike Shwam — not a senior.

Head coach Ritch Price could have used seniors Dan Merritt or Jeff Wallace, or even last year's forgotten closer, Matt Brady. He didn't, and the senior relievers' last memory at San Luis Obispo Stadium is watching the team, into which they've put four dedicated years, from the dugout.

Don't get me wrong, Shwam has been pitching well of late and has slightly better numbers than the seniors. Slightly. But the stats in this instance are completely irrelevant. So is Cal Poly's record.

The Mustangs' 21-31 record places them far from any postseason considerations. Even in the Big West, the win would have only bumped the Mustangs to 10-20. So if it's not a postseason berth, what is so important to take precedent over the hardworking seniors on their day?



Joe Nolan

Price's career.

After an outstanding 1997 when they won 37 games, Price's Mustangs have strung together two terrible years. Unless they turn it around next year, the snowball will gain speed and continue its collision course run into the Sports Complex.

This year almost every sport has lost, and lost big. But no one but the hardworking athletes and coaches, and the few die-

hard fans, seem to care. Right now, the attitude is, "We gave them Division I status, what more do they want?"

A few wins every once and awhile would be nice.

Well, believe it or not, Foundation spent money on the athletic department (although it was because there were so few fields that the rugby

team was practicing on Dexter Lawn, not because it wants us to be an athletic school). A state-of-the-art baseball and softball stadium are a convenient cover, but the new building on the baseball practice field and the new parking structure on the L-shaped lawn are Foundation's real interests.

So baseball carries the burden of scapegoat, and Price is the first coach who will have to win some games to keep his job. If they don't win next year before taking the field in their new home, heads must roll. So despite their deserving recognition, it's not about Wallace and Merritt and all the time and hard work they put in — it's about getting that 10th Big West win to pad the résumé.

Imagine that. Having to prove you belong coaching a Division I sport in the overly conservative and complacent Cal Poly athletic department.

Now there's a change.

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David Wood/Mustang Daily

DRIBBLING: The Roadrunners lost 4-2 in preparation for their league opener next Saturday.

Roadrunners fall, 4-2

Mustang Daily

The Central Coast Roadrunners fell to the Nevada Zephyrs, 4-2, Saturday.

The Roadrunners scored their first goal in the 30th minute. Midfielder Dana McGregor kicked a direct kick past the goalie from 20 yards out.

The Zephyrs scored two quick goals to take the lead. Roadrunners' Danny Risch scored on an assist by Evan Clark. Clark kicked the ball from the corner of the field to the front center of the goal. Risch was there to score and tie the game, 2-2.

The Roadrunners could not hold on for much

longer. With 25 minutes left in the game, a bad clearance on a goal kick set up an opportunity for a Zephyr forward. The Zephyr was fouled by a Roadrunner defenseman to prevent a goal. Nevada was given a free kick from 20 yards out and scored giving them the lead 3-2.

The Zephyrs sealed the game in the 80th minute when a bad pass across the middle allowed a Zephyr forward to score the final goal of the game.

The Roadrunners will have their league opener next Saturday at Cal Poly against the Los Angeles Fireballs.

Six schools get their first NCAA baseball regional

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — Six newcomers and perennial choice Florida State were among 16 schools selected Monday as regional hosts in the NCAA's expanded 64-team baseball tournament.

The host schools are all guaranteed invitations to the tournament. The entire field will be announced on May 24.

The regional hosts are: Alabama; Arkansas; Auburn; Baylor; Florida State; Houston; Louisiana State; Miami; Notre Dame; Ohio State; Southern California; Stanford; Texas A&M; Texas Tech; Wake Forest; and Wichita State.

Arkansas, Baylor, Houston, Notre Dame, Ohio State and Wake Forest will all be serving as regional hosts for the first time. It will be Auburn's first since 1978.

For perennial power Florida State it's the 15th time in 17 years.

Each of the four-team, double-elimination regionals will be held May 28-30. The champion of each regional advances to the "super regionals," at eight sites to be announced May 31. The winners of the best-of-3 super regionals will play in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., beginning June 11.

In another new twist, the regionals will be referred to by the name of the city where the host school is located instead of by geographic designation.

"We are pleased that two regionals will be in the Northern area of the country," said Dick Rockwell, chairman of the Division I baseball committee. "One of the criticisms our committee received over the years is that we go South with everything."

Rockwell admitted the committee took note of the almost yearly selection of Florida State.

"Should a team be penalized for being (No.) 1 or 2 in the country? For drawing big crowds? For having good athletes? For running a class tournament?" Rockwell asked. "We realized the fact we send them there every year. I can honestly say we discussed that. But if you look at several scenarios, you'd have to make a good case why you wouldn't put one there."

Even though the committee urged several Northeastern schools to bid for a regional, none did, Rockwell said.

"We set up some things to help the Northeast and nobody stepped forward," said Rockwell, athletic director at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. "I'm extremely disappointed. I personally talked to a lot of conferences."

The regionals will all be held on campus sites except at Wake Forest, which will use Ernie Shore Field, home of the Class-A Winston-Salem Warhogs.

The tournament had been a 48-team format since 1987. Before that, it was 40.

"College baseball over the last 3 to 4 years has gotten bigger and better. This is just another area where this is going to increase it," Rockwell said. "We're extremely excited about the super regionals. I think it's going to market college baseball like it's never been marketed before."